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SARY OZEK IRBM COMPLEX, USSR  
LAUNCH AREA NO 3

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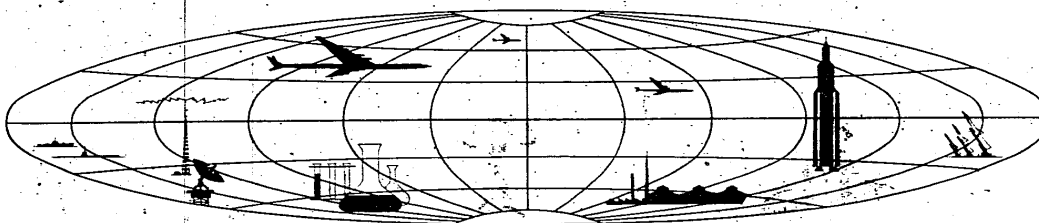
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Launch Area No 1 (TDI name: Kara Babau Launch Site 1) -- Type III 44-32-00N 77-46-45E

Launch Area No 2 (TDI name: Kara Babau Launch Site 2) -- Type IV 44-31-00N 77-58-45E

Launch Area No 3 (TDI name: Kara Babau Launch Site 3) -- Type IV 44-31-00N 77-43-00E

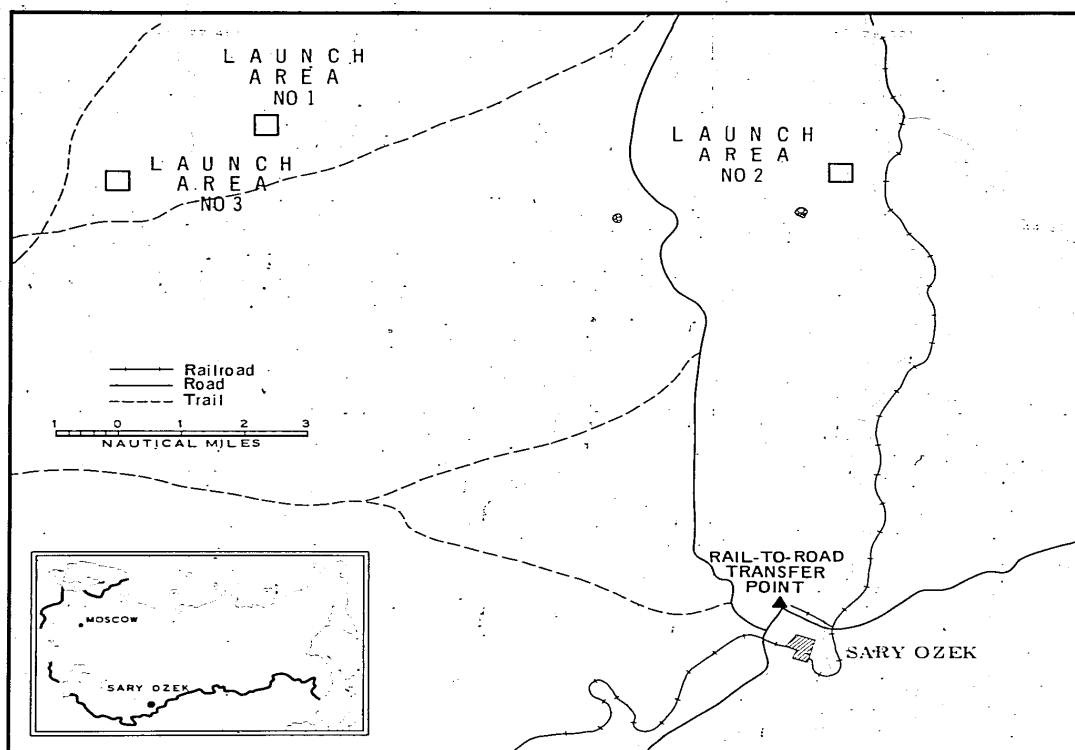


FIGURE 1. SARY OZEK IRBM COMPLEX, USSR.

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This report utilizes all pertinent KEYHOLE coverage between [REDACTED] but is based primarily on the best photography of [REDACTED]. It updates that portion of NPIC/R-115/64 1/ concerning Launch Area No 3. Information on the remainder of the Sary Ozek Complex is given in the referenced report. Launch Area No 3 is a complete Type IV launch area located 7.5 nautical miles (nm) northwest of Kara Babau (Figure 1).

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This launch area was first observed in [REDACTED] in an early stage of construction consisting only of a large excavation. Subsequent photography of [REDACTED] depicts the hard site in a midstage of construction with completed control building and with three silos under construction. A road located just south of the excavation containing the site components had a row of four gable-roofed buildings along its south side.

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Coverage of [REDACTED] revealed the hard launch area as complete (Figure 2). The control bunker was mounded and circumvented by a road serving each of three silos. A building-like structure atop each of the silo covers may--in conjunction with nearby buildings--constitute a deceptive measure in that it may be intended to give the launch site an overall appearance of a building area. Along the northern side of the access road and approximately 250 feet northeast of the rear site silo

is a probable receiving, inspection, and maintenance (RIM) building. In addition there are 11 buildings positioned in rows just south of the forward silos and three buildings near the entrance to the site. An unidentified installation having a circular appearance is located 1,000 feet north of the rear silo and is connected by a track to the access road near the site entrance. On [REDACTED] photography the left forward and rear silo covers are in the open position and three probable vehicles are observed within the launch site. The launch site is double fenced.

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The associated site support facility is located 1,000 feet to the east. It is secured and contains 16 buildings. Six appear to be barracks-type buildings, four are large administrative-type buildings, one is possibly a boiler plant, one is a small building enclosed by a horseshoe-shaped perimeter and four are small miscellaneous buildings. No vehicles or activity are discernible within the secured facility.

The nearest rail facilities are located 13.7 nm northeast of the launch area at Aznabulok; however, the better road leading from the launch area connects with the city of Sary Ozek, 14.0 nm to the southeast. A rail-to-road transfer point, typical of those seen near other IRBM launch areas, is located in the northwest portion of the city. In the immediate area of the turnaround loop road pattern are two circular closed tanks, a stepdown building, and a large arch-roofed building.

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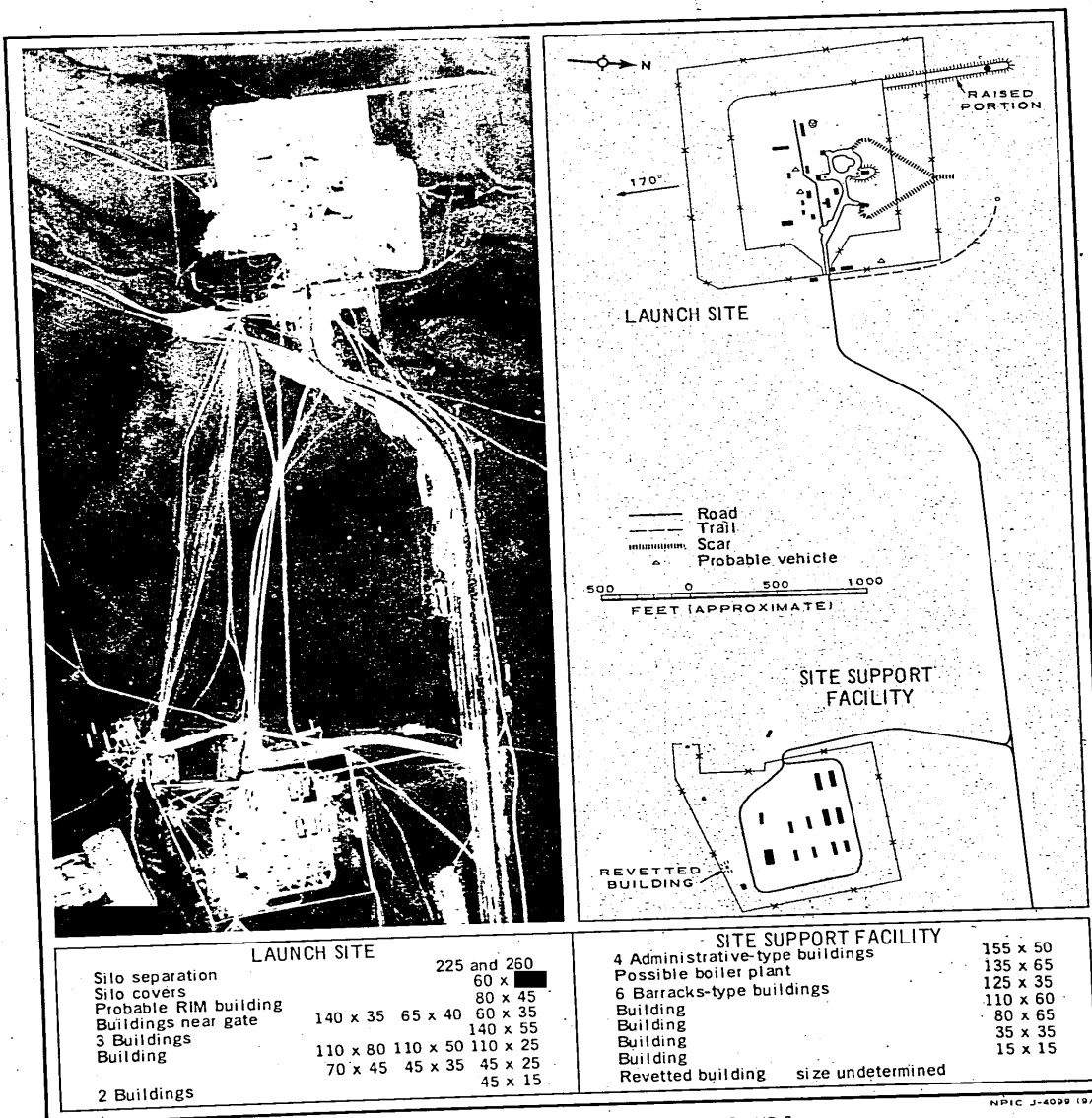


FIGURE 2. SARY OZEK IRBM LAUNCH AREA NO 3.

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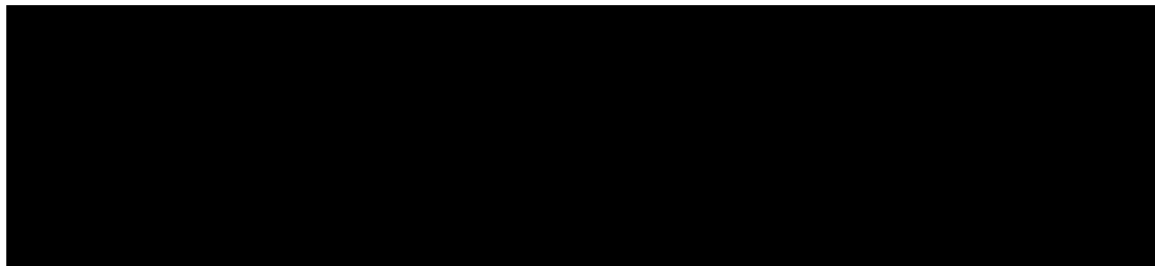
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